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1. CHINA

REUTER (PEKING) REPORTS BRZEZINSKI "HELD LONGER TALKS THAN EXPECTED" WITH TENG 5/21, DISCUSSIONS CONTINUED OVER DINNER. CITES INFORMED SOURCES THAT THEY MET TWO AND ONE-HALF HRS IN AFTERNOON--30 MINUTES LONGER THAN SCHEDULED--THEN WENT TO RESTAURANT BY LAKE IN PEKING PARK. ACCORDING UNCLASSIFIED

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SOURCES, DINNER-TABLE TALKS APPEARED CENTER ON SERIOUS TOPICS; INFORMAL BANQUET HOSTED BY TENG, NO TOASTS/SPEECHES. REPORTS THAT EARLIER 5/21, BREZINSKI VISITED MAO MAUSOLEUM, HAD SECOND ROUND OF TALKS WITH HUANG, LASTING ABOUT 3 HRS; IN FIRST SESSION SUNDAY, BRZESINSKI TOOK THREE AND ONE-HALF HRS TO OUTLINE US VIEWS ON WORLD AFFAIRS (SUN).

SUNDAY PAPERS (REUTER PEKING) REPORT BRZEZINSKT TOLD CHINESE LEADERSHIP 5/20 THAT PRES CARTER IS "DETERMINED" WORK FOR FULL NORMALIZATION RELS WITH PRC; HE ALSO MADE "VEILED PLEA" FOR SINO-US CO-OPERATION TO DETER SOVIET FON POLICY DESIGNS (WP, SUN). LSTAR (5/21) CITED NCNA REPORT THAT BRZEZINSKI WENT DIRECTLY INTO TALKS WITH HUANG 5/20 SHORTLY AFTER PEKING ARRIVAL.

UPI'S STEVENSON (WSTAR PEKING 5/20) REPORTS TENG TOLD US EDITORS/PUBLISHERS FRI THAT WORLD CAN EXPECT SOVIET TO UNLEASH WAR AND TARGETS WILL BE EUROPE/MIDEAST/AFRICA/US-NOT CHINA. VICE PREMIER SAID NORMALIZATION SINO-US RELS STILL DEPENDS ON US BREAKING RELS WITH ROC; SAID CARTER WELCOME VISIT PEKING WITH OR WITHOUT FORMAL AGENDA IF PRES FEELS SUCH VISIT IMPORTANT.

STEVENSON SAYS TENG WAS SCATHING IN CRITICISM OF SOVIET, RETURNED TO SUBJECT TIME AFTER TIME DURING INTERVIEW THAT LASTED ALMOST 2 HRS. TENG SAID HE WAS SURPRISED BY MONDALE'S DESCRIPTION IN RECENT SPEECH OF CAMBODIA SITUATION--CLAIMED CAMBODIA WAS ATTACKED BY VIETS ALMOST DAILY DURING VP'S ASIA VISIT, AND IMPLIED THESE ASSAULTS WERE RESULT OF SOVIET INFLUENCE IN SRV; DESCRIBED SOVIET ACTIONS IN AFRICA AS IMPERIALISTIC, AND PRC DOING WHAT IT COULD TO COUNTER THIS BUT US SEEMINGLY UNAWARE OF THREAT; DECLARED CUBA BEING EXPLOITED BY SOVIETS, AND US UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT FORCEFUL IN RESPONSE.

STEVENSON REPORTS TENG ALSO SAID US TECHNICAL HELP WELCOMED IN CHINA, PARTICULARLY IN DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRY'S COAL/PETROLEUM RESOURCES; B'T WHEN US/EUROPEAN/JAPANESE INTERESTS BIDDING FOR SAME CONTRACT, PRC INVARIABLY WILL FAVOR NATIONS WHICH PREVIOUSLY NORMALIZED RELS WITH PEKING; SAID FUTURE PURCHASES OF US WHEAT POSSIBLE, BUT CHINA'S GOAL IS SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN GRAIN PRODUCTION; TENG EXPRESSED ADMIRATION FOR AMB MANSFIELD-SAID HE BASICALLY AGREED WITH ENVOY'S ASSESSMENT, GIVEN UPI GROUP IN TOKYO, OF CHINA AS "NATO OF THE EAST," TYING DOWN MORE THAN 40 SOVIET ARMY DIVISIONS.

NYT (TAIPEI 5/21) DISPATCH REPORTS CCK SWORN IN AS PRES 5/20; IN INAUGURATION ADDRESS, REITERATED ROC'S FIRM ANTI-COMMUNIST STAND/PLEDGED HIS GOVT WOULD NEVER NEGOTIATE OR COMPROMISE WITH COMMUNISTS, BUT WOULD CONTINUE STRENGTHEN RELS WITH US. ITEM NOTES CHOICE OF SUN YUN-SUAN TO HEAD NEW CABINET, REFLECTING TAIWAN'S GROWING EMPHASIS ON ECON PERFORMANCE AMID INCREASING DIPLO ISOLATION, WAS REPORTED WELL RECEIVED BY PUBLIC/PRAISED

BY OPPOSITION. WP'S MATHEWS (5/21) NOTES SUN HAS WARNED THAT NOT ONLY COULD ROC'S SECURITY SUFFER FROM SWITCH IN US RECOGNITION, BUT ISLAND'S ECON HEALTH ALSO COULD BE AFFECTED. BALT SUN(5/21) CARRIES UPI PHOTO OF CCK BEING GREETED BY NH GOV THOMSON 5/20 AFTER SWEARING-IN. SAYS CCK VOWED IN INAUGURAL SPEECH TO REGAIN MAINLAND.

2. VIETNAM

HUMPHREY/TRUONG FOUND GUILTY O' SIX OF SEVEN COUNTS; BOTH SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE LIFE SENTENCES. IN EMOTIONAL SCENE, HUMPHREY'S FATHER ASKED JUDGE SEND HIM TO JAIL IN SON'S PLACE: "TONIGHT HE NEEDS THE LOVE OF HIS FAMILY."

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SET, ARGUMENTS FOR NEW TRIAL/OTHER LEGAL QUESTIONS TO BE HEARD JUNE 23. APPEAL EXPECTED ON GROUNDS GOVT EXCEEDED AUTHORITY IN AUTHORIZING WIRETAPS/OTHER ELEC SURVEILLANCE W/OUT WARRANTS.

JURY SAYS HUMPHREY/TRUONG CONSPIRED TO INJURE NAT DEF, COMMIT OFFENSE AGAINST AND TO DEFRAUD US, ARRANGE TRANSMISSION OF DOCS CONCERNING NAT DEF TO VIETS, CONVERT THINGS OF VALUE TO US FOR OWN USE, AND THAT THEY ACTED AS FON AGENTS W/OUT NOTIFYING US/POSSESSED NAT DEF DOCS W/OUT AUTHORIZATION. FOUND INNOCENT OF CHARGE OF RETAINING THINGS OF VALUE TO US FOR OWN USE/GAIN (AP, SUN; O'LEARY, STAR; BURNHAM, NYT; SEABERRY, WP - 5/20).

MEANWHILE, WP'S DICKEY/SEABERRY REPORT FBI CONTINUING INVESTIGATION WHICH LED TO JUST COMPLETED SPY CASE. SOURCES SUGGEST PROBE MAY FOCUS ON OTHERS WHO MAY HAVE ACTED AS COURIERS BETWEEN VIETS IN PARIS/SPIES IN US. TRUONG'S FRIENDS SAY CONTINUATION DANGEROUS HOLDOVER OF "BLIND HATREDS" GENERATED BY VIET WAR, RAISE SPECTRE OF MCCARTHYISM (5/21).

WP CARRIES BRIEF BIO SKETCHES OF HUMPHREY/TRUONG FOLLOWING CONVICTION (5/20).

USG ACCEPTS "HO CHI MINH CITY" AS NAME FOR WHAT WAS FORMERLY SAIGON. US BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES SAID NAME "SAIGON" DELETED FORM GOVT LIST IN NOV (NYT 5/21).

3. VIETNAM/JAPAN

JOC (TOKYO) SAYS JAPANESE BANKS TO LEND VN 16.1 MIL DOLS WORTH D-MARKS FOR PURCHASE OF SHIPS/RAYON (5/22). UNCLASSIFIED

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4. JAPAN

NARITA AIRPORT OPENS. FIRST FLIGHT--JAL--TOUCHED DOWN AFTERNOON 5/21. BY NIGHTFALL, 23 FLIGHTS LANDED/ FIRST DEPARTURES SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY (THARP, WSJ; NYT; WP). OPENING FOLLOWED LAST-DITCH ATTEMPTS BY AIRPORT'S OPPONENTS TO BLOCK FACILITY'S OPERATIONS. POLICE FOUND HUGE CACHE FIREBOMBS/CHEMICAL WEAPONS

NEAR AIRPORT FRIDAY (FOLEY, REUTER NARITA 5/19), AND 13,000 RIOT POLICE WERE STATIONED FOR SECURITY (SCOTT STOKES, NYT 5/20). UP TO LAST MINUTE, 15,000 PROTESTORS SOUGHT DISRUPT NARITA BY THROWING FIREBOMBS/CUTTING AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CABLES/JAMMING AIRPORT'S RADIO SIGNALS/LAUNCHING KITES, BALLOONS OVER RUNWAY (CHAPMAN, WP 5/21-22; THARP, CSM; NYT 5/21-22).

SCOTT-STOKES (5/21) DOES FEATURE PIECE ON AIRPORT CONTROVERSY, REVIEWING ITS HISTORY/PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE. REMARKS PROTESTORS' FIGHT NOT YET OVER--GOJ PLANS EXPAND FACILITY/MUST DEAL W/PROBLEMS SUCH AS HOW PREVENT GUERRILLAS FROM ENTERING AIRPORT W/PASSENGERS.

USHIBA WILL VISIT LOS ANGELES NEXT MONDAY FOR TALKS W/US OFFICIALS ON TOKYO ROUND MULTILAT TRADE NEGOTS/EXPECTED MEET THERE W/STRAUSS. GOJ SOURCES SAY JAPAN PREPARED LOWER TARIFFS ON COMPUTERS/COLOR FOTO FILM (REUTER TOKYO 5/19; WP 5/20).

CULLISON (JOC TOKYO) REPORTS JAPAN TAKING MORE SERIOUS LOOK AT SURPLUS PROBLEM, BUT COUNTRY'S LEADERS FORESEE 2-3 YRS NECESSARY IN ORDER REVERSE TREND. CITES TRADE EXPERTS WHO SAY JAPANESE FINDING IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT DISMANTLE COMPLEX NETWORK NON-TARIFF BARRIERS/CONTROL EXPORTS WHICH HAVE GREAT DEMAND UNCLASSIFIED

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ABROAD.

GROUP JAPANESE UTILITY EXECS HAVE TOLD US OFFICIALS
THEY HOPE CARTER ADMIN WILL APPROVE LONG-TERM JAPANESE
PLAN REPROCESS US-SUPPLIED URANIUM IN UK/FRANCE.
DOS/DOE/NUKE REGULATORY COMMISSION OFFICIALS SAID
5/20 JAPAN PLANNED INVEST SOME 1 BIL DOLS OVER NEXT

10 YRS IN CONSTRUCTING REPROCESSING FACILITIES IN FRANCE/UK (O'TOOLE, WP 5/20; BURNHAM, NYT 5/21).

FIRST OF ABOUT 500 JAPANESE PLANNING APPEAL IN US FOR TOTAL BAN ON NUKE ARMS LEAVES FOR NY. GROUP PLANS DELIVER TO UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM SIGNATURES OF SOME 17 MILLION PEOPLE WHO WANT NUKE ARMS ABOLISHED (REUTER TOKYO).

IBM HAS APOLOGIZED TO JAPAN FOR UNFAIR SALES CAMPAIGNS CONDUCTED BY JAPANESE SUBSIDIARY FOR UNANNOUNCED NEW SERIES OF COMPUTERS. IN LETTER TO MITI, IBM BOARD CHRMN SAID IN FUTURE, FIRM WILL CONTINUE OBSERVE GOJ GUIDELINES (UPI, NYT 5/20).

NYT (5/20) RUNS INTERVIEW W/JAPAN ECON PLANNING

AGENCY CHIEF MIYAZAWA, WHO SAYS JAPANESE ECONOMY HAS RECOVERED SHARPLY/PREDICTS GNP WILL RISE IN CURRENT FISCAL YR. SEES GREATER TARIFF CUTS COMING IN TRADE TALKS W/US/FRG, BUT ACKNOWLEDGES INCREASING IMPORTS CITRUS PRODUCTS/OTHER AGRIC GOODS "AN ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION" (SCOTT-STOKES).

5. KOREA

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SK FONMIN PARK SAID 5/21 ROKG PREPARED BLOCK ANY ATTEMPT BY CONGRESS TO HAVE FORMER AMB KIM DONG JO TESTIFY IN CONNECTION W/ALLEGED CAPITOL HILL INFLUENCE BUYING (UPI, NYDN).

IN 5/21 PYONGYANG SPEECH, ROMANIAN PRES CEAUSESCU INDICATED HE "FULLY" SUPPORTS "INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL UNIFICATION" KOREA. CEAUSESCU SCHEDULED VISIT SRV/CAMBODIA BEFORE RETURNING HOME (AP, WP).

6. PHILIPPINES

MATHEWS/WIDEMAN (WP MANILA, 5/21) SAY MONDALE HAS PROMISED ASYLUM IN US TO PHIL DISSIDENT CHARITO PLANAS--NOW HIDING FROM POLICE, WHO SEEK HER ARREST ON SUBVERSION CHARGES. ASYLUM PROMISE REPORTEDLY CAME DURING SERIES OF MEETINGS VP HAD W/MARCOS OPPONENTS 5/3. MONDALES PRESS SEC EISELE, WHEN ASKED ABOUT REPORT, SAID PLANAS' NAME CAME UP DURING MEETINGS, BUT SINCE TALKS WERE PRIVATE, "I CAN'T GO INTO THE DETAILS." MEANWHILE, AMEMB MANILA HAD NO COMMENT WHEN ASKED IF PLANAS WAS GETTING ANY US HELP TO LEAVE

PHILS.

GOVT TROOPS REPORTEDLY KILLED 106 MOSLEM REBELS DURING 20-DAY HUNT ON BASILAN ISLAND (REUTER, WP 5/21).

NEPALESE KING/QUEEN ARRIVED MANILA 5/21 FOR 3-DAY VISIT, WERE MET AT AIRPORT BY MARCOSES (AP, WP).

PHILS/GROUP FON BANKS AGREE UPON EASIER TERMS FOR 256.6-MIL-DOL LOAN PHILS TOOK OUT IN 1976 TO HELP BUILD NUKE POWER PLANT (WSJ).

7. THAILAND/CAMBODIA UNCLASSIFIED

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NYT'S KAMM (BURIRAM) QUOTES PROVINCIAL GOV BUMROONG SUKBUSAYA THAT VILLAGERS IN THAI BURIRAM PROVINCE BEING MOVED IN EFFORT CONSOLIDATE DEFENSE AGAINST MOUNTING INCURSIONS BY CAMBODIAN TROOPS/THAI COMMUNISTS BASED IN CAMBODIA. GOV SAYS SIMILAR MOVES ARMING FOR DEFENSE BEING CARRIED OUT IN OTHER BORDER PROVINCES IN CONSULTATION W/BANGKOK. KAMM SAYS MOVES AKIN TO "STRATEGIC-HAMLET" CONCEPT USED W/MIXED RESULTS IN VN/MALAYSIA. THAI OFFICIALS SAY BORDER INCIDENTS INTENSIFYING; CITE RECENT PLACING OF 800 THAI COMMUNISTS TRAINED IN CAMBODIA ON THAI SIDE OF BORDER. SAY COMMUNISTS WISH ESTABLISH CORRIDOR BETWEEN TA PHRAYA/LAHAN SAI TO LINK UP W/INSURGENTS IN N THAILAND BY '82.

8. PACIFIC ISLANDS

WP'S PINCUS CITES MEDICAL FINDINGS OF 75 PER CENT INCREASE IN RADIOACTIVE CESIUM IN BODIES OF BIKINI ISLANDERS IN PAST YEAR. GOVT OFFICIALS CALL INCREASE "INCREDIBLE." PINCUS SAYS FINDINGS SUGGEST BIKINIANS EXPERIENCING RADIATION LEVELS WELL BEYOND OVERALL SAFETY LIMITS SET BY USG. GOVT OFFICIALS EXPECT FIND OVERALL LEVELS HAVE DOUBLED OVER PAST YR WHEN THEY COMPLETE CURRENT TESTS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS (9. KOREA)

NYT'S HALLORAN DOES LENGTHY PIECE ON KOREAN INFLUENCE-BUYING INQUIRIES AND THEIR APPARENT JOURNEY TO OBLIVION. STATES CONGRESSIONAL OFFICIALS BELIEVE ETHICS CMTE-DESPITE OPPOSITION FROM JAWORSKI--EAGER FINISH PROBE QUICKLY/QUIETLY. CITES UNCERTAINTY IN HOUSE/SEN CMTES AS TO DECIDING WHAT DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, IF ANY, SHOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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TAKEN AGAINST MEMBERS FOUND TO HAVE ACTED UNETHICALLY. COMMENTS THAT, IRONICALLY, THESE FEEBLE ATTEMPTS AT WEEDING OUT CORRUPTION/BRIBERY HAVE DONE LITTLE EXCEPT LEAVE US-SK RELS "IN A SHAMBLES."

MALCOLM (NYT 5/21) STATES DESPITE EXTERNAL APPEARANCES, THERE HAS BEEN NO RELAXATION IN CONTROLS OF SKOREAN DISSIDENTS, MERELY CHANGE OF TACTICS. CITES CASE OF FORMER PRESIDENT YUN PO SUN, WHO RECENTLY CRITICIZED PRES PARK DURING INTERVIEW W/FON REPORTERS. RATHER THAN BEING ARRESTED/JAILED--LEGAL UNDER ROKG LAW--HE WAS PAID VISIT BY TAX ASSESSOR WHO ASSESSED HIS HOUSING COMPOUND AT GREATLY INCREASED RATES. YUN FORESEES MORE AND MORE CONFRONTATION W/ROKG, BUT SAYS OPPONENTS PLAN CONTINUED NON-VIOLENT PROTESTS. GOING TO JAIL "UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT

SAYS IT HAS HAD ENOUGH AND CHANGES ITS POLICIES."

NOTES KOREAN PEOPLE HAVE ABANDONED ONE-TIME HOPES--"OR
PERHAPS ILLUSIONS"--FOR CHANGE/HAVE SETTLED IN FOR LONG,
HARD PULL.

10. VIETNAM

STAR'S MCGRORY SAYS HUMPHREY/TRUONG OFFERED CHANCE TO SEE GOVT AT WORK, BUT CALLS GLIMPSE "NOT REASSURING." QUOTES TESTIMONY OF CORNELL PROF ANDERSON WHO SAID STOLEN CABLES CONTAINED REPORTING W/NUMEROUS MISTAKES WHO CALLED INTO QUESTION CALIBER OF OFFICIALS MAKING ASSESSMENTS.

MCGRORY DENIGRATES BOTH JUDGE BRYAN/PROSECUTOR DUNHAM, ACCUSING FORMER OF NAPPING/LATTER OF ARCHIE BUNKER-LIKE BELLIGERENCY. CRITICIZES HOLBROOKE'S SPEC ASST K QUINN FOR CHANGING DECISION ON SENSITIVITY OF CABLES "WHEN THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE MATTER WAS CALLED TO HIS ATTENTION." CHARACTERIZES INFORMER DUNG KRALL AS VENAL. CIA CASE OFFICER ROBERT HALL ALSO CRITICIZED, BUT MORE GENERALLY (5/21). UNCLASSIFIED

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IN CONNECTION W/LENGTHY PIECE IN NYT (5/21), WROSTOW ASKED TO COMMENT ON HIS PERSPECTIVE ON SEA. SAYS VIEWS UNCHANGED FROM 50'S: "THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE COUNTRIES OF SEA, OF ANY MAJOR POWER, IS STILL A CONDITION FOR THE STABILITY OF ASIA." SAYS HE SEES NOW THAT WAR NOT CONDUCTED "W/SUFFICIENT DECISION." BOMBING NOT ROUTE TO DECISIVE ACTION.

"WHAT WAS REQUIRED WAS TO PUT TWO DIVISION ACROSS THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL.....TO FORCE AN ENDING TO THE WAR."
REGRETS IT WASN'T DONE, BUT THINKS THERE IS STILL CHANCE TO MAINTAIN STABILITY, DESPITE CURRENT THREATS.

11. AUSTRALIA

JOC'S STOVE (SYDNEY) EXPLAINS RECENT GOA EFFORTS TO GENERATE FREER INTL TRADE BY STATEMENT THAT EXPANSION IN WORLD TRADE KEY TO FULL RECOVERY OF AUSSIE ECON. STRESSES THAT FOR AUSTRALIA, ANY MOVES TO OPEN UP WORLD TRADE MUST ALSO INCLUDE LOOSENING OF RESTRICTIONS ON AGRICULTURAL GOODS, ESP BY EEC. NOTES FRASER STATEMENT THAT '78 COULD BE WATERSHED IN DETERMINING WORLD ECON CLIMATE FOR REMAINDER OF CENTURY. AGREES THAT '78 CERTAINLY KEY YR FOR AUSSIE ECON, ESP IF, AS SEEMS LIKELY, GOA WILL TAME RUNAWAY INFLATION.

12. CHINA

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (HK 5/21) CITES BRZEZINSKI'S 5/20 PEKING

COMMENT THAT US "HAS MADE UP ITS MIND" ON NORMALIZATION WITH PRC. OBSERVES BOTH US AND CHINESE OFFICIALS HAVE SOUGHT MINIMIZE IMPORTANCE OF BRZEZINSKI VISIT--US DEPICTING IT MORE AS EFFORT DEMONSTRATE CONTINUED INTEREST UNCLASSIFIED

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IN PRC THAN ATTEMPT NEGOTIATE IMPROVEMENT IN RELS. SAYS UNCLEAR FROM BRZEZINSKI'S "GREAT HALL" BANQUET TOAST WHETHER PRES CARTER CONTEMPLATING ANY STEPS TOWARD MEETING PRC'S 3 CONDITIONS FOR NORMALIZATION.

CSM'S MORITZ (HK) CONTENDS MOSCOW'S MIL PLANNING MIGHT BE COMPLICATED BY CURRENT SINO-US TALKS, WHICH COULD HELP MODERNIZE PLA FORCES FACED BY SOVIET ON ASIAN BORDER. ALSO SEES POSSIBILITY BRZEZINSKI TALKS COULD HELP US/PRC FIND WAYS IMPROVE RELS SHORT OF FULL NORMALIZATION. OBSERVES PRC IN PAST HAS SOUGHT LIMIT US TRADE/TRAVEL/EXCHANGES UNTIL FULL NORMALIZATION: BUT NOTES SOME ANALYSTS NOW SEE SIGNS PEKING IS SOMEWHAT RELAXING THIS ATTITUDE, EN-COURAGING TRAVEL, BUYING SUCH ITEMS AS US WHEAT/DRILLING EQUIPMENT, PROMOTING VARIOUS KINDS CULTURAL/SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE. SEES CHINESE APPARENTLY HOPEFUL FOR RENEWED SINO-US COLD WAR WHICH WOULD PUT NEW ECON/MIL BURDENS ON MOSCOW, THEREBY DIVERTING SOVIET FORCES FROM CHINESE BORDER, AND PLACING PRC UNDER LESS PRESSURE SPEND NTL RESOURCES ON MIL MODERNIZATION. "CHINA THUS HOPES TO PREVENT ANY IM-PROVEMENT" OF SINO-US RELS.

RBT SESSON (EEURO CURATOR AT STANFORD'S HOOVER INSTITUTION ON WAR, REVOLUTION, AND PEACE) ARGUES THAT US POLICY TOWARD CHINA IS BEDEVILED BY MYTH THAT TAIWAN IS CHINESE PROVINCE. OBSERVES TAIWAN SELDOM MENTIONED IN "PEKING REVIEW"; AND TO TAKE OVER/RULE ISLAND WOULD BE BIG HEADACHE FOR PEKING. INSISTS TAIWAN HAS EVERY CLAIM TO INDEPENDENCE, AND US SHOULD SANCTION THIS VIEW.

BUTTERFIELD (NYT HK) FINDS CHAI'S SELECTION TO HEAD PRCLO WELL RECEIVED BY US OFFICIALS. NOTES THAT, UNLIKE HUANG, CHAI IS NOT MEMBER CCP CENTRAL CMTE--WHICH MIGHT TEND LIMIT HIS AUTHORITY, GIVING HIM SOMEWHAT LESS INFLUENCE IN PEKING'S INNER COUNCILS THAN HIS PREDESSOR.

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DON KIRK (PHINQ NANKING) NOTES RENEWED EMPHASIS ON LEARNING IN PRC. SAYS IF CHINESE PROFESSORS STILL DO NOT ENJOY ACADEMIC FREEDOM IN WESTERN SENSE, THEY AT LEAST ARE ALLOWED TEACH. BUT NOTES NONE OF THEM DARES SPECULATE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF HE ATTEMPTED INCULCATE SERIOUS INTELLECTUAL SKEPTICISM AMONG STUDENTS.

CSM'S NORDELL (TAIPEI) FINDS TAIWANESE BEING ENCOURAGED BELIEVE US PEOPLE WILL NOT LET USG NORMALIZE RELS WITH PEKING. SAYS MUCH IS HEARD OF US POLITICIANS WHO SPEAK OUT IN FAVOR OF TAIWAN--WHILE BRZEZINSKI "WAS MAKING HEADLINES IN THE REST OF THE WORLD, NH GOV THOMSON "WAS MAKING HEADLINES" IN TAIPEI.

WP/WSTAR (5/20) CARRY FULL-PAGE ADS, SPONSORED BY CHINESE-AMERICAN INDIVIDUALS/ORGANIZATIONS, EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS TO CCK/SHIEH, VOICING SUPPORT FOR ROC. VANCE

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